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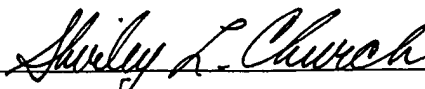
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicants' Amendment "C" in response to the final Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response of January 3, 2004. This Amendment "C" is being submitted within two (2) months of the mailing date of the Final Rejection, to permit time for an Advisory Action.

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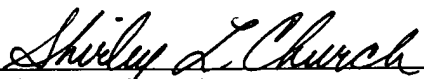
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5	minus	5	=	0	x	\$86.00	\$00.00
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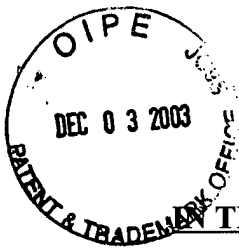
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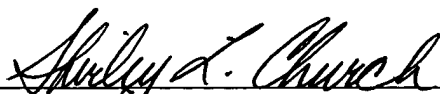
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Claims 1 - 28 are pending in the application.

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Claims 1, 10, 11, and 13 - 16 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,143,476, to Ye et al.

Claims 1, 10, 12 - 15, 17, and 22 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,515,984, to Yokoyama.

Claims 22, 23, and 25 - 28 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,004,882, to Kim et al.

Claims 12 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al.

Claims 2 - 5 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,046,113, to Hong et al.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,456,675, to Anderson, Jr. et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,948,570, to Kornblit et al.

Claims 6, 9, and 18 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,591,671, to Kim et al.

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., in view of Hong et al., as applied to Claims 2 or 4, and further in view of Kim et al.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., in view of Anderson, Jr. et al. and Kornblit et al., as applied to Claim 19, and further in view of Kim et al.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., in view of Anderson, Jr. et al. and Kornblit et al., as applied to Claim 19, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,613,296, to Kurino et al.

Please amend the application as follows.